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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

the international application in the language in which it was filed

a translation of the international application into _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:

international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))

publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))

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2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

the international application as originally filed/furnished

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the claims:
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3. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

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4. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-9, 11-26</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>10</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-9, 13-26</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>10-12</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-26</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The claimed invention relates to a method, a system, a measurement device and a receiving device for providing feedback, relating to an activity, to at least one individual. A single measurement device can be used to transmit all relevant information relating to an activity. The receiving device may then decide what pieces of activity information to use.

Documents cited in the International Search Report:

D1: US 6013007 A
 D2: US 2003/0065257 A1
 D3: WO 0142809 A2

This report is based upon the amended claims as filed with the letter of 05-10-2005.

Document D1 discloses a GPS-based personal athletic performance monitor for providing an athlete with real-time performance feedback data (abstract). The feedback is provided through a set of audio headphones using an audio module. The monitor comprises a central processor unit to which different sensors are connected, e.g. a GPS-receiver module and a heart rate sensor (figure 6). Before exercising, the athlete sets his/her preferences using menu control buttons and a display (column 6, line 63-column 7, line 5). Performance data such as elapsed distance, average speed and calories burned are calculated (column 7, lines 40-49). The athlete can choose the

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type of feedback information, e.g. full or summarized.

Document D2 discloses a diet and activity-monitoring device that includes an activity calculator (90 in figure 4). Activities, for example signals and information from a heart rate sensor and a GPS, are measured (section [0043]) and displayed to the user on a display screen. In one embodiment, a stationary bicycle, that includes a computer that measures speed, duration and other factors, transfers data to the activity calculator (section [0044]). This data transmission is done via a local communication link, probably according to a communication protocol.

Document D3 discloses a system for monitoring athletic performance (abstract). Data from e.g. a GPS and a heart rate sensor (page 22, lines 4-8) are collected and processed. The heart rate sensor could be an external chest-strap sensor. The user's athletic performance statistics are shown on a display unit.

The invention according to claim 10 only states that a plurality of activity quantities are measured and transmitted, during the activity, to at least one receiving device.

The invention according to claim 10 is so broadly formulated that it is disclosed by the measurement device in D2. Thus, the invention defined in claim 10 is not new and consequently lacks novelty and inventive step.

The subject matter of claims 11 and 12, i.e. the measured quantities and the calculation of additional pieces of activity information, is only considered to constitute details that are obvious for a person skilled in the art. Consequently, the invention according to claims 11 and 12 fails to involve an inventive step.

The invention according to claims 1-9 and 13-26 differs from documents D1-D3 in that the receiving device, which also provides feedback to the user, is separated from the measuring device. This makes it possible to use a variety of receiving

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devices. The receiving device may then decide what pieces of information to use. The invention relates to the problem that every activity or sport needs a dedicated measurement device that can be used to analyse the performance.

Documents D1-D3 do not disclose the method, the receiving device and the system according to claims 1-9 and 13-26. No relevant combination of the cited documents would lead a person skilled in the art to the invention defined in those claims. The invention according to claims 1-9 and 13-26 is thus novel and is considered to involve an inventive step.

The invention according to claims 1-26 is considered to be industrially applicable.

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CLAIMS

1. A method of transmitting measured activity information and providing at least one individual with feedback based on the measured activity information,
5 characterised in that the method comprises the steps of:
 - measuring, activity information relating to an activity with a measurement device;
 - transmitting, with a measurement device, activity information to a receiving device via a local communication link during the activity;
 - selecting from the received activity information a predefined set of pieces of activity information with the receiving device; and
 - 15 providing, with a receiving device, the at least one individual with feedback based on the selected activity information.
2. The method according to claim 1, characterised in that said step of providing comprising providing the at least one individual at least one activity indicator based on the selected activity information with at least one feedback device.
3. The method according to claim 2, characterised in that prior to said step of providing the method further comprising the steps of:
 - calculating at least one additional activity indicator based on the at least one selected activity information; and
 - providing the at least one individual with the calculated at least one additional activity indicator with the at least one feedback device.
4. The method according to claim 2 or 3, characterised in that said step of providing comprising presenting the at least one activity indicator to the at least one individual as at least one of a graphical form and voice signals.

5. The method according to claim 1, characterised in that prior to said step of transmitting the method further comprising the step of:

5 calculating at least one additional piece of activity information based on the measured activity information.

10 6. The method according to claim 1, characterised in that said step of transmitting comprising transmitting activity information according to a communication protocol.

15 7. The method according to claim 1, characterised in that said step of providing comprising providing the at least one individual with feedback with the receiving device.

20 8. The method according to claim 1, characterised in that said step of providing comprising providing the at least one individual with feedback with at least one device connected to the receiving device.

25 9. The method according to claim 1, characterised in that said step of measuring comprising measuring at least one of the following quantities:

time;
location;
altitude;
temperature; and
heart rate.

30 10. A measurement device configured to measure and transmit activity information,

characterised in that the measurement device comprises:

35 a processor (28);
a plurality of measuring elements (214) configured to measure a plurality of quantities relating to an activity;

a memory (24) configured to store measurement data provided by the measuring elements (214); and

5 a transmitter (26) configured to transmit activity information to at least one receiving device via a local communication link during the activity according to a communication protocol.

11. The measurement device according to claim 10, characterised in that the plurality of measuring elements (214) comprises at least one of the 10 following:

a GPS receiver (216);
a barometer (202);
a thermometer (200); and
at least one pulse coil (22) configured to measure 15 heart rate.

12. The measurement device according to claim 10, characterised in that the processor (28) is configured to calculate at least one additional piece of activity information based on the measured 20 activity information; and the transmitter (26) is configured to transmit the calculated activity information via a communication link.

13. A receiving device configured to receive activity information from a measurement device, 25 characterised in that the receiving device comprises:

a receiver (208) configured to receive, during an activity, a transmission from the measurement device via a local communication link, wherein the transmission 30 includes activity information measured with the measurement device;

a memory (206) configured to store at least one definition based on which a predefined set of pieces of activity information is selected from the received 35 activity information;

a processor (210) configured to select the predefined set of pieces of activity information from the

received activity information based on the at least one definition stored on the memory (206); and
at least one feedback device (212) configured to provide at least one individual with feedback based on
5 the selected activity information.

14. The receiving device according to claim 13, characterised in that the receiving device further comprises an output to which at least one feedback device (212) can be connected.
10 15. The receiving device according to claim 13 or 14, characterised in that the at least one feedback device (212) is configured to provide the at least one individual with at least one activity indicator based on the selected activity information.

15 16. The receiving device according to claim 13, 14 or 15, characterised in that the processor (210) is configured to calculate at least one additional piece of activity information based on the at least one selected activity information, and
20 the at least one feedback device (212) is configured to provide the at least one individual with the calculated at least one activity indicator.

17. The receiving device according to claim 13, 14, 15 or 16, characterised in that the at least one feedback device (212) is configured to present the at least one activity indicator to the at least one individual as at least one of a graphical form and voice signals.

18. The receiving device according to claim 30 13, 14, 15, 16 or 17, characterised in that the at least one feedback device (212) comprises at least one of a display, a speaker and an earpiece.

19. A system of transmitting measured activity information and providing at least one individual 35 with feedback based on the measured activity information,

characterised in that the system comprises:

a measurement device (20) comprising a first processor (28), a plurality of measuring elements (214) configured to measure a plurality of quantities relating to an activity, a first memory (24) configured to store measurement data provided by the measuring elements (214), and a transmitter (26) configured to transmit activity information during the activity to at least one receiving device via a local communication link according to a communication protocol; and

a receiving device (204) comprising a receiver (208) configured to receive a transmission from the measurement device during the activity via a local communication link, wherein the transmission includes activity information measured with the measurement device (20), a second memory (206) configured to store at least one definition based on which a predefined set of pieces of activity information is selected from the received activity information, and a second processor (210) configured to select the predefined set of pieces of activity information from the received activity information based on the at least one definition stored on the second memory (206); and at least one feedback device (212) configured to provide the at least one individual with feedback based on the selected activity information.

20. The system according to claim 19, characterised in that the plurality of measuring elements (214) comprises at least one of the following:

a GPS receiver (216);
a barometer (202);
a thermometer (200); and
35 at least one pulse coil (22) configured to measure heart rate.

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21. The system according to claim 19 or 20, characterised in that the first processor (28) is configured to calculate at least one additional piece of activity information based on the 5 measured activity information; and the transmitter (26) is configured to transmit the calculated activity information via a communication link to the receiving device.

22. The system according to claim 19, 20 or 10 21, characterised in that the receiving device (204) further comprises an output to which at least one feedback device (212) can be connected.

23. The system according to claim 19, 20, 21 or 22, characterised in that the at least 15 one feedback device (212) is configured to provide the at least one individual with at least one activity indicator based on the selected activity information.

24. The system according to claim 19, characterised in that the second processor 20 (210) is configured to calculate at least one additional piece of activity information based on the at least one selected activity information, and the at least one feedback device (212) is configured to provide the at least one individual with the calculated 25 at least one activity indicator.

25. The system according to claim 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 or 24, characterised in that the at least one feedback device (212) is configured to present the at least one activity indicator to the at 30 least one individual as at least one of a graphical form and voice signals.

26. The system according to claim 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, characterised in that the at least one feedback device (212) comprises at least 35 one of a display, a speaker and an earpiece.